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President Schurman,

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear President:

We got back from Norway and Britain having had very unusual experiences, though not as serious as those which many others had to endure. During my absence the Dean of our Faculty of Applied science, Dr. John Galbrait died very suddenly. He had built up in thirty-five years a strong school, the graduates of which have been devoted to him. It is a place that will be very difficult to fill. There are 650 students and with the development that Canada is likely to take after the war there will be immense prospects. If we can secure a man from Canada we shall of course wish to do so, but our first object is to get the best man available. I know that your Schools of Engineering are among the test on the continent, and it has occurred to me that you might know to whom I could turn for advice, or might know also individual persons whose names might be kept in view. It is quite improbable that we shall make any appointment until next spring. I hope that Mrs. Schurman and your family are well. What an awful disaster this war is ? With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.